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(U) Huntington Beach – 29 More Arrested During Second Night of Unruly TikTok Party

(U) Police made 29 additional arrests during the second night of unlawful assembly in Huntington Beach on Sunday, 23 May, that stemmed from a party promoted on TikTok that drew thousands to the city over the weekend. About 150 people traveled from the beach to downtown on Sunday evening, and an unlawful assembly was eventually declared, a Huntington Beach police spokesperson said. Sunday's crowds gathered in the same area as the ones on Saturday night, when police estimated about 2,500 people swarmed about. Crowds partied around the pier, ran through traffic, set off fireworks and vandalized police cars. Those arrested Sunday night were booked on suspicion of assault with a deadly weapon, firing dangerous and/or illegal fireworks, resisting arrest and failure to disburse, police said. SOURCE: 24 May 2021, [Orange County Register](#)

(U) Los Angeles – Alleged Drug Trafficker Extradited to LA

(U) Federal authorities arrested an alleged international drug trafficker in Los Angeles after the suspect was extradited from France. Authorities claim the suspect is the lead defendant in a case that charges 17 people in an organization that shipped thousands-of-pounds of methamphetamine globally, sometimes by hiding the drugs inside consumer and industrial products. The suspect also bribed government officials in Mexico. The suspect will be arraigned on Monday after being taken into custody at the Los Angeles International Airport on Friday. SOURCE: 22 May 2021, [Associated Press](#)

(U) Santa Barbara – Suspect Arrested on Five Counts of Arson in Loma Fire

(U) Authorities in Santa Barbara arrested a suspect on arson charges after determining he may have started at least five separate fires in the area of the Loma Fire. The fire, which started last Thursday night, spread to multiple neighborhoods forcing hundreds of residents to leave their homes. Fire investigators observed a suspicious person running down the lower portion of the hill and hiding in the brush. Investigators detained the person before he was ultimately arrested on suspicion of being under the influence of drugs and faces multiple charges of arson. SOURCE: 21 May 2021, [KEYT](#)

(U) SOUTHWEST BORDER

(U) Arizona – US Border Patrol Arrest 32 Mexican Nationals Dressed in Camo

(U) Tucson – Mounted Border Patrol officers arrested nearly three dozen border-crossers decked out in camo near the Arizona-New Mexico state line. The officers arrested a group of 32 migrants after illegally crossing the border utilizing camouflage clothing to blend into the surrounding vegetation. In the month of April, Border Patrol ran into more than 178,000 border crossers – over 13,000 of them unaccompanied minors. SOURCE: 21 May 2021, [Fox News](#)

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(U) California – 16 Undocumented Immigrants Found in Two Smuggling Attempts

(U) El Centro – Authorities discovered sixteen undocumented immigrants in two smuggling attempts near El Centro. US Border Patrol advised the first incident occurred when agents pulled over a vehicle suspected of smuggling. Agents found 14 individuals in the vehicle, arrested the driver and sent the 11 undocumented immigrants back to Mexico. The second incident occurred shortly after the first as agents discovered two individuals locked inside of a vehicle near El Centro. The driver was arrested and the undocumented immigrants were processed.

SOURCE: 21 May 2021, [KYMA](#)

(U) Texas – 10 Migrants, Two Suspected Smugglers Detained at Stash House

(U) Laredo – US Border Patrol agents and local authorities searched a residence in south Laredo and found 10 undocumented immigrants inside the home. After a thorough search of the suspected stash house, agents found a firearm along with ammunition. The 10 undocumented immigrants and two suspected smugglers were taken into custody for processing.

SOURCE: 21 May 2021, [KGNS](#)

(U) NATIONAL

(U) District of Columbia – US Seizes \$90K from Insurrectionist Who Sold Footage to News Outlets

(U) Washington – US authorities have confiscated roughly \$90,000 from a man who sold footage of a protestor being fatally shot during the 6 January storming of the US Capitol. The man recorded videos capturing the chaos of the Capitol riot and claimed to have been there as a “documentarian” but now faces eight criminal counts relating to his involvement in the insurrection. The suspect sold one of the videos, which included the shooting of Ashli Babbitt by a police officer, to several unnamed news outlets for a total of \$90K.

SOURCE: 22 May 2021, [Yahoo News](#)

(U) District of Columbia – Ransomware Attacked 16 US Healthcare, First Responder Organizations

(U) Washington – The FBI advised the Conti ransomware gang attempted to breach the networks of over a dozen US healthcare and first responder organizations. The FBI identified at least 16 Conti ransomware attacks targeting law enforcement agencies, emergency medical services, 9-1-1 dispatch centers, and municipalities within the last year. According to the FBI, Conti ransom demands are tailored to each victim, with recent ones being as high as \$25 million.

SOURCE: 21 May 2021, [Bleeping Computer](#)

(U) Illinois – CNA Financial Paid \$40 Million in Ransom after March Cyberattack

(U) Chicago – CNA Financial Corporation paid \$40 million in late March to regain control of its network after a ransomware attack. The Chicago-based company paid the hackers about two weeks after a trove of company data was stolen. Hackers also locked out CNA officials from their network. The company consulted and shared intelligence about the attack and the hacker’s identity with the FBI and the US Treasury Department’s Office of Foreign Assets Control. The CNA hackers used malware called Phoenix Locker, a variant of ransomware created by a Russian cybercrime syndicate known as Evil Corp.

SOURCE: 20 May 2021, [Bloomberg](#)

(U) Missouri – FBI Analyst Indicted for Removing National Security Documents

(U) Kansas City – Authorities indicted a Kansas City FBI analyst, who had top-secret security clearance, for illegally taking national security documents to her home for more than a decade. The suspect is facing a two-count indictment alleging unauthorized access to national defense documents and holding

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classified documents without permission. Court documents state that the suspect kept 10 documents, ranging from presentations to intelligence notes, which were dated between 2008 and 2014.

SOURCE: 21 May 2021, [KSHB](#)

(U) New Jersey – Two Dead, 12 Injured after Mass Shooting at House Party

(U) Bridgeton – Authorities advised that two people were killed and another 12 others were injured in a mass shooting during a house party near Bridgeton, New Jersey. Officers responded to the scene where more than one hundred people were at a residence for a party. Authorities advised that residents from a neighboring party showed up and rapid gunfire rang out. One of the 12 people wounded is in critical condition. No arrests have been made at this time as the investigation and processing of the scene continues.

SOURCE: 23 May 2021, [ABC News](#)

(U) Ohio – Three Dead, Three Wounded in Shooting Outside Ohio Bar

(U) Youngstown – Authorities advised that at least three people were killed and 3 others were wounded in a shooting outside a bar in Youngstown, Ohio. Arriving officers rendered first aid to victims near the establishment and officers from nearby departments assisted due to the large crowds in what was called a “chaotic and tragic” event. Authorities advised no one was in custody, but they were talking to several individuals. Police declined to comment on how many weapons were used or other details. Dozens of casings were reported as officers continue to investigate the incident.

SOURCE: 23 May 2021, [AP News](#)

(U) INTERNATIONAL

(U) Nigeria – Abu-Musad Albarnawy Replaces Shekau as ISWAP/Boko Haram Leader

(U) Maiduguri – The Islamic State of West Africa Province (ISWAP) has appointed Abu-Musad Albamamy to replace the former leader Abubakar Shekau who committed suicide last week. The immediate replacement of Shekau is considered revenge against the former Boko Haram leader who had disagreements in the terrorist group’s agenda. Besides the replacement, ISWAP also arrested 20 top commanders that were loyal to Shekau that killed himself with a suicide vest during a clash last week.

SOURCE: 23 May 2021, [The Breaking Times](#)

(U) Mexico – Thirteen People Arrested in Cordoba for Drug Trafficking, Linked to the CJNG

(U) Cordoba – The Ministry of Public Security of Veracruz confirmed the arrests of 13 people in the municipality of Cordoba for drug crimes and weapons charges. The agency links the arrested individuals with the Jalisco Nueva Generacion Cartel (CJNG). The suspects will be presented before a judge in the next few days. The CJNG group is a generator of high-impact crimes including homicides, kidnapping, extortion, drug dealing and theft.

SOURCE: 23 May 2021, [Consulta Veracruz](#)

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